What is Physical & Human Geography?

Geography is a Social Science that explores the complex relationships between society and the natural environment, by studying the spatial patterns of human activities. Physical geography examines:
- The factors affecting economic development
- Social concerns around the natural environment
- Land use policies and sustainability
- Factors in the physical environment such as geology, climate, water, and soil
- Biodiversity and sustainability practices
- Policies and laws affecting the environment, and more.

Skills of Geography Grads

- Strong analytical and writing skills
- Interpretation of conceptual and data-based information
- Analysis of socio-environmental trends
- Team-work skills
- Multi-perspective approach to problem analysis
- Analyze and use statistical methods
- Conduct field studies and observe interactions
- Gather, organize, and analyze land use data
- Manipulate and map geographic data
- Plan long term projects
- Understand natural and social processes
- Write and present information clearly

What makes Physical & Human Geography at UTSC unique?

A combination of environmental science and social science provides graduates with both quantitative and qualitative analytical skills for use in their future work.

Entry-Level Jobs for Bachelor Grads

According to an informal survey of graduates, and resources like www.canadastop100.com/tcd, common employment destinations include:
- Sustainability Coordinator in Corporations
- Mapping/Data Analyst in Planning/Construction
- GIS Analyst in Transportation Services
- Geospatial Applications Developer in Software
- Natural and Cultural Heritage Interpreter in Government Services
- Tourism Information Officer in Travel Services
- Community Outreach Coordinator in NGOs
- Policy Analyst in Municipal Government

Graduate & Professional Studies

Popular further education opportunities include:
- Geography – Master of Arts or Sciences
- Urban Planning – Master
- Sustainability or Environment – Master
- Architecture – Master
- Education – Bachelor or Master
- Geographic Information Systems – Post-Graduate Certificate
- Project Management – Post-Grad Certificate
- Insurance & Risk Management – Certificate
- Logistics & Supply Chain Management – Certificate

Use LinkedIn!

UTSC Geography graduates are working in Education, Operations, and Sales/Marketing. Attend our LinkedIn workshop to learn about the Find Alumni tool for networking!

Geography Grads from UTSC have gone on to:
- Dofasco Mining (Health & Safety Officer)
- Evans Real Estate Development (Planning Associate)
- Dunn Promotional Products (Account Manager)
Examples of Fields that ‘Fit’ the Skills of Geography Grads

- Non-Profit Causes
- Human Resources
- Marketing and Communications
- Logistics, Supply Chain and Operations
- Government (Federal, Provincial, Regional, Municipal)
- Property Assessment and Real Estate
- Education
- Publishing

Your 4-Year Career Exploration Action Plan

1. Do Your Research

The databases below provide you with details about job prospects, nature of work, educational requirements, working conditions, pay and related career paths:

- **Career Cruising**: Log into [cln.utoronto.ca](http://cln.utoronto.ca), click on Resources, and click on Career Cruising to be logged in automatically
- **O*Net**: [online.onetcenter.org](http://online.onetcenter.org) (U.S. site)

Attend our workshop **Discover Your Skills and Career Options**, meet with a Career Counsellor, and use our resources to get to know your skills, values, personality and interests: [www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself](http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/get-know-yourself)

Use the advice on our tip sheets for gathering info: [www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets](http://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/tipsheets)

- Information Interviews
- Working On-Campus
- Internships
- Volunteering

2. Explore Career Options & Get Experience

Gain exposure to your options in the world of work and make connections while you’re a student via campus events and programs listed on [cln.utoronto.ca](http://cln.utoronto.ca) and [ccr.utoronto.ca](http://ccr.utoronto.ca):

- **Extern Job Shadowing**
- **In the Field**
- **Explore It!** (course-based)
- **Partners in Leadership** (4th year students)
- **iLead, uLead, weLead** (Dep’t of Student Life)
- Employer Information Sessions
- Career & Volunteer Fairs
- Departmental Student Association Events

Apply for **Work Study** jobs in CLN in Fall and Spring! You might also find work via [www.scsu.ca/jobs](http://www.scsu.ca/jobs).

Find networking opportunities, internship programs and entry-level jobs via websites like [www.talentegg.ca](http://www.talentegg.ca) and [www.charityvillage.ca](http://www.charityvillage.ca).

As an upper year student (14+ credits), attend UTSC’s **Get Hired Conference** and participate in **Jobs for Grads**.

As a graduate, explore internships and other trainee programs like [www.careeredge.ca](http://www.careeredge.ca)

3. Build Your Network

Explore **Professional Associations** and get involved: volunteer for their events and conferences, and get to know people in your industry of interest. These are your future mentors, supervisors and colleagues!

- Geography and City Studies Student Association - [gcsautoronto.com](http://gcsautoronto.com)
- ECO Canada - [www.eco.ca](http://www.eco.ca)
- Canadian Association of Geographers - [www.cag-acg.ca](http://www.cag-acg.ca)
- Canadian Cartographic Association - [cca-acc.org](http://cca-acc.org)
- Royal Canadian Geographic Society - [www.rcgs.org](http://www.rcgs.org)
- Association of American Geographers - [www.aag.org](http://www.aag.org)
- Canadian Public Relations Society - [www.cprs.ca](http://www.cprs.ca)
- Insurance Institute - [www.insuranceinstitute.ca](http://www.insuranceinstitute.ca)

Other associations and websites for finding networking opportunities and experience include:


Please note: This document is a starting point for your further research into career options in this field of study. For more information on this program and course requirements, please visit the departmental website at the top of the first page.